

**SUBJECTS.**

of the cost of maintenance alone, as a penalty for not taking proper care of the tanks.

(3) On the application of ryots, roads for agricultural traffic should be constructed by Government and a moiety of the cost realised from the ryots interested in them in convenient instalments.

*Mr. S. Subramonia Karayalan* (Member, Shencottah Taluk) said that, so far as the Shencottah taluk was concerned, no amount of restoration of tanks would do the ryots any good and that, unless a perennial source of water-supply was found by diverting the course of some river, there was no use in improving the irrigation tanks at present. He added that, while Mr. Bastow was recently in that taluk, he explained to him the utility of the scheme. The Chief Engineer was of opinion that the project would be a useful one. He requested therefore that Government might be pleased to order an investigation into the matter.

*Dewan's reply.*—The views of the Members are noted. As for the scheme suggested by Mr. Subramonia Karayalan, Government would await the report which the Chief Engineer may send on the subject.

**38. Equitable distribution of the budget allotments for public and maramat works.**

*Mr. K. N. Mamman Mappilla* (Member, Thiruvalla Taluk) said that he had intended to urge the necessity for an equitable distribution of the budget allotments for public and maramat works in both the Kottayam and Quilon divisions. But, as Government promised to redress the grievance of the Kottayam division, he would confine himself to the Quilon division. He was sorry to observe from the address that the Quilon division was not to be allowed the same benefit, owing to the existence of the railway and the recent arrangements made for the restoration of the irrigation tanks of the Shencottah taluk. He said that the claims of the whole division could not be satisfied either on account of the railway which served only three taluks or the irrigation works obviously intended for the benefit of a single taluk. He therefore requested that the Quilon division might be accorded equal treatment with the Kottayam division in the matter of public works and an allotment provided for that division also in the next budget. He also called particular attention to the urgent necessity of bridging three rivers in the Tiruvella taluk and said that the matter was one which had been brought up at successive sessions of the Assembly.

*Dewan's reply.*—The views of the Member are noted and will be considered.